

MUSHROOMS

White Button (*Agaricus*) Mushroom production for the 2002-2003 season in Washington fell 11 percent to 11.2 million pounds, compared to 12.5 million pounds last year.

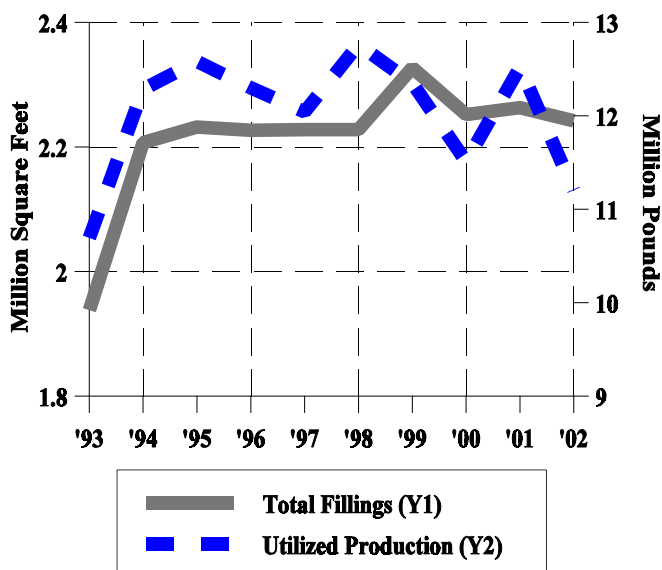
Total fillings were 2.2 million square feet, compared with 2.3 million square feet last year. The value of production in 2002-2003 is estimated at \$14.5 million, 13 percent below the 2001-2002 total of \$16.7 million. The average price per pound was \$1.29, 4 cents below last year's price.

Prices for mushrooms are the average prices producers receive at the point of first sale, commonly referred to as the average price as sold. For example, in a given State, part of the fresh mushrooms are sold F.O.B. packed by growers, part are sold bulk to brokers or repackers, and some are sold retail at roadside stands. The mushroom average price as sold is a weighted average of the average price for each method of sale.

Agaricus Mushrooms: Area, Production, Price, & Value, Washington, 1993-2002

Year	Total Fillings	Utilized Production	Price Per Pounds	Value of Production
	1,000 Square Feet	1,000 Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
1993-94	1,938	10,693	1.25	13,367
1994-95	2,207	12,284	1.28	15,724
1995-96	2,232	12,582	1.25	15,704
1996-97	2,227	12,298	1.20	14,731
1997-98	2,228	12,043	1.20	14,392
1998-99	2,228	12,764	1.23	15,751
1999-00	2,327	12,350	1.24	15,307
2000-01	2,252	11,512	1.23	14,562
2001-02	2,263	12,522	1.33	16,711
2002-03	2,242	11,205	1.29	14,497

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